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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents identified on the enclosed form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed, are disclosed to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the present application.

The submission of the enclosed documents is not an admission that they are prior art or relevant to the invention.

Pursuant to an agreement dated December 19, 2000 and entitled "Agreement and Plan Of Merger by and among International Game Technology, International Game Acquisition Corporation and Silicon Gaming, Inc.," IGT acquired 100% of the equity interests in Silicon Gaming, Inc. The agreement includes a disclosure schedule (Schedule 3.19) that lists the following as assets of Silicon Gaming: U.S. Patent No. 5,643,086, U.S. Patent No. 6,106,396, and U.S. Serial No. 09/107,031 (which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,149,522). Those three patents are of record in the present application.

Assignments formalizing the transfer of all rights in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,643,086 and 6,149,522 from Silicon Gaming to IGT have been executed. Copies of those assignments are enclosed. An assignment formalizing the transfer of all rights in U.S. Patent No. 6,106,396 from Silicon Gaming to IGT has not yet been executed, but it is believed that such an assignment will be executed during the pendency of the present application.

An assignment formalizing the transfer of all rights in the present application from Silicon Gaming to IGT was executed on August 15, 2001. A copy of that assignment is enclosed.

It is respectfully submitted that the common ownership of the present application and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,643,086, 6,106,396 and 6,149,522 does not raise any double patenting issues since the allowed claims of the present application are so different than the claims of those three patents. In any event, should the Examiner believe otherwise, he is respectfully invited to raise the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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